

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A deodorant composition which comprises a lignin, a phenolic compound-oxidizing enzyme which can exhibit the desired deodorizing effect when lignin is present, and a fragrance and/or flavor.
2. (original): A deodorant composition according to claim 1, wherein the lignin is a soluble lignin.
3. (original): A deodorant composition according to claim 2, wherein the soluble lignin is water-soluble lignin.
4. (canceled).
5. (previously presented): An oral care product which comprises a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.
6. (previously presented): A sanitary product which comprises a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.

7. (previously presented): A pet product which comprises a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.

8. (previously presented): A food which comprises a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.

9. (previously presented): A feed which comprises a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.

10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended): A method for deodorizing a mal-odor which comprises applying a composition comprising a lignin and a phenolic compound-oxidizing enzyme which can exhibit the desired deodorizing effect when lignin is present to the mal-odor.

12. (currently amended): A method for deodorizing a mal-odor which comprises applying a composition comprising a lignin, a phenolic compound-oxidizing enzyme which can exhibit the desired deodorizing effect when lignin is present, and a fragrance and/or a flavor to the mal-odor.

13. (canceled).

14. (currently amended): A process for producing an oral care product, a sanitary product, a pet product, a food or a feed, which comprises mixing a lignin, a phenolic compound-oxidizing enzyme which can exhibit a desired deodorizing effect when lignin is present, a fragrance and/or a flavor, and a carrier acceptable for the oral care product, the sanitary product, the pet product, the food or the feed.

15. (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the lignin is a soluble lignin.

16. (previously presented): The method according to claim 15, wherein the soluble lignin is water-soluble lignin.

17. (previously presented): The method according to claim 12, wherein the lignin is a soluble lignin.

18. (previously presented): The method according to claim 17, wherein the soluble lignin is water-soluble lignin.

19-20. (canceled).

21. (previously presented): The process according to claim 14, wherein the lignin is a soluble lignin.

22. (previously presented): The process according to claim 21, wherein the soluble lignin is water-soluble lignin.